

Insurance Institute of Michigan

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To Members of the House Commerce Committee:

The Insurance Institute of Michigan (IIM) supports the strategy recently announced by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema and Speaker Craig DeRoche to foster job growth and economic revitalization in this state, including efforts contained in House Bill 5447.

As part of The Reinvent Michigan Coalition, IIM joins other business organizations to support policies that will reinvent Michigan's business environment. The Coalition supports the Senate Majority Leader and House Speaker proposals to cut taxes for small business, prohibit onerous ergonomics regulations, streamline bureaucracy for taxpayers and place funds in the state's "rainy day fund."

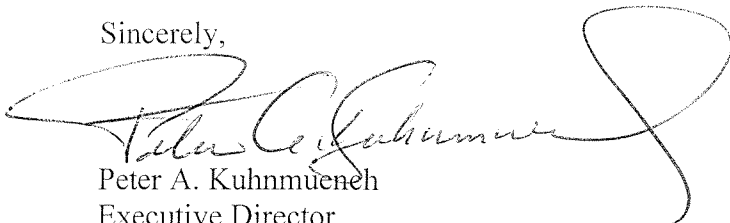
Along with IIM, members of the Coalition include: National Federation of Independent Business; Michigan Association of Insurance Agents; Michigan Association of Home Builders; Michigan Restaurant Association; Michigan Business & Professional Association; Michigan Food & Beverage Association; Michigan Bankers Association; Michigan Chamber of Commerce; Michigan Insurance Coalition; and Life Insurance Association of Michigan.

The Reinvent Michigan Coalition supports Single Business Tax reform, regulatory reform and government reforms that will foster an improved business climate in this state. Michigan can no longer afford "business as usual" and must move to reform and reinvent its approach to business retention and attraction. House Bill 5447 and the entire bill package sends the right message to job providers: it's time to get serious about improving our state economy.

IIM is the government affairs and public information association representing more than 90 property/casualty insurance companies and related organizations operating in Michigan.

I would appreciate your support of House Bill 5447.

Sincerely,



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